

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

3 WANDA JAMES SPEIGHT : CIVIL ACTION

4 vs. :

5 CAPMARK FINANCE, INC. : NO. 07-0890

6 WILLIAM F. ALDINGER, III :

7 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

8 February 27, 2009

9 BEFORE HONORABLE J. CURTIS JOYNER, J.

10 AND A JURY

11 TESTIMONY CALVIN E. SPEIGHT

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1 MR. GOLDSHAW: We call Calvin Speight.

2 CALVIN E. SPEIGHT, was duly sworn.

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. GOLDSHAW:

5 Q. Good morning, Mr. Speight.

6 A. Good morning.

7 Q. Are you related to Wanda Speight?

8 A. Yes, I am. That's my wife.

9 Q. How long have you been married?

10 A. Twenty-some years. We were married, 1988.

11 I don't know the exact date, but it's
12 twenty-some years.

13 Q. I made sure not to ask you the exact date in
14 front of your wife.

15 Do you have children?

16 A. Yes. We have two.

17 Q. What are their names and ages, please?

18 A. My daughter is Megan. She's 18 years old.
19 My son is Calvin, Jr. He's 15. He'll be 16,
20 March 16th.

21 Q. Mr. Speight, how did you learn that your
22 wife was terminated from Capmark?

23 A. She came home one Friday night. Her eyes
24 were red. We were in the family room, and I got
25 up to see what was going on. She told me that

1 she was just terminated.

2 So we decided at that point to go and
3 tell the kids because they had to find out
4 sooner or later, so that's how we -- I found
5 out.

6 Q. Could you describe a little bit about how
7 your wife appeared, her demeanor, at the time
8 she was telling you?

9 A. She was shocked. You could see it in her
10 face; her faced dropped; her eyes were red. It
11 was obvious something had happened, and so she
12 was distraught. She was kind of disoriented.

13 As opposed to coming to the family room
14 where we normally meet on Friday nights, she
15 went straight upstairs to the kitchen and just
16 wasn't good.

17 Q. Mr. Speight, following that day, when your
18 wife was terminated from Capmark, did you notice
19 any changes in her?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q. Would you please describe them?

22 A. She started -- as opposed to being in the
23 family room with us, she would go to the
24 kitchen, and it appeared she was eating
25 everything in sight. The kids and I -- every

1 time we'd go in the kitchen, she would be
2 eating, and obviously we were concerned. We
3 were asking what's going on.

4 We noticed her hair. There was a
5 little spot that started breaking off in the
6 center. Then -- actually, now, she has about a
7 5-inch diameter space that has broken off. She
8 has to comb her hair backwards, just to cover
9 the spot.

10 Q. Were there any changes in the way your wife
11 interacted with the family following the day of
12 her termination at Capmark?

13 A. Yes. Normally, again, we would meet in the
14 family room as a family.

15 We went -- from there she would just
16 start staying in the kitchen. We had a joint
17 family office, myself and the kids. She stopped
18 coming to the office.

19 She set up her room, or we set up a
20 room for her in another part of the house, and
21 she spent most of her time there. Even today,
22 she is still there.

23 What else -- go ahead.

24 Q. During the time that your wife was working
25 at Capmark and before, did you typically have

1 any activities on Friday nights?

2 A. Yes. We always went out on Friday nights.

3 It was either her, myself, or the kids. We
4 would just go out for dinner, and all that has
5 stopped. It just hurts.

6 Q. I'm sorry. You said all that has stopped as
7 of when?

8 A. After her termination.

9 Q. Did you notice any changes in her energy
10 level?

11 A. Yes. Again, she was very depressed. She
12 was very depressed, so I called a marriage
13 counselor. The marriage counselor -- we went to
14 the marriage counselor for -- this was in
15 January of '08.

16 Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Speight.

17 A. Go ahead.

18 Q. Are you referring to seeing a marriage
19 counselor before or after the day of the
20 termination?

21 A. This was after -- I guess maybe a year
22 later, something like that. I'm not sure of the
23 exact dates. I don't know the dates. I just
24 know it was in January of 2008. That would have
25 been after her termination.

1 Go ahead.

2 Q. Please continue to describe what you were
3 saying about the marriage counselor.

4 A. We attended three. It was supposed to be a
5 long-term thing, marriage counseling. She
6 attended three sessions and then stopped. She
7 said it was just too much.

8 We were involved in a gourmet club that
9 was -- we got together once every other month.
10 That also ceased. She just didn't want to do
11 it. It was too much, just being around friends.

12 Q. Who initiated the marriage counselor?

13 A. I did.

14 Q. And did your initiation of the marriage
15 counselor have anything to do with the changes
16 you've been describing in your wife following
17 the termination from Capmark?

18 A. Yes. That's why I initiated it, because it
19 was obvious our marriage was getting -- it was
20 in trouble, but it was still going to be there,
21 so I just wanted to bring us together.

22 Q. Following your wife's termination from
23 Capmark, did you notice any changes in her
24 sleeping habits?

25 A. Yes. She was -- before we slept all night.

1 It was not a problem. After her termination,
2 she was tossing and turning all night.
3 Sometimes she would get up and walk down to the
4 kitchen or just walk around. Obviously, it
5 would keep me awake.

6 This still goes on today, you know,
7 it's still hard to sleep.

8 Q. Are you able to describe in general terms
9 whether following Ms. Speight's termination from
10 Capmark there have been any changes in the level
11 of affection between you?

12 A. Yes. The intimacy has definitely been
13 reduced. Prior to the termination, we were a
14 very happy couple, very happy family. Intimacy
15 has dropped off due to the termination.

16 Q. Mr. Speight, do you ever go on family
17 vacations?

18 A. We used to go on family vacations.

19 Again, when we first met, the two of us
20 were -- we were all over the place. After the
21 kids, we were still -- whenever we could
22 schedule vacations, we were going wherever we
23 could go.

24 Q. About how often would you go on vacation?

25 A. It was always once or twice, maybe three

1 times a year we would go somewhere. After the
2 termination, that stopped.

3 Again, she just withdrew, and she would
4 take vacations, in fact, by herself. She would
5 go maybe to a spa. Her last vacation by herself
6 was just before Christmas. Obviously, that was
7 upsetting to the kids and myself.

8 Q. Did you and the kids continue to go on
9 vacation following her termination?

10 A. Yes, we did. But just the kids and myself
11 versus my wife. Occasionally, my wife would
12 come, but even now once in a while, but it's not
13 as -- not the way it was.

14 Q. Do you ever meet your wife for lunch during
15 the day?

16 A. Yes, sometimes, occasionally. When she was
17 at GMAC, I believe it was, we would meet
18 sometimes for lunch.

19 Even now we try, but it's just not
20 working now. We used to, but not anymore.

21 Q. When you say "not anymore," are you
22 referring to a change following the termination
23 of her employment?

24 A. Yes. She withdrew, and she wanted to be by
25 herself.

1 Q. And if you could describe just globally if
2 there were changes that you observed in her
3 overall mood following the termination of her
4 employment?

5 A. Overall mood. Again, she was distraught.
6 She was kind of disoriented. She was shocked.
7 I mean, the entire family was shocked.

8 I mean, she was always a hard worker.
9 What can I tell you? That's it.

10 Q. Now, at the time she worked at Capmark, that
11 was a demanding position as you understood?

12 A. Yes, very demanding.

13 Q. Could you tell me how your wife handled
14 stress at the time she was at Capmark? What
15 were her stress levels like?

16 A. Well, the idea -- she would come home, and
17 we would -- this was at GMAC. She would come
18 home. We would have meetings -- I shouldn't say
19 meetings. We would go to the family room, watch
20 television. We tried to forget about the job,
21 just leave work at work, and just enjoy life at
22 home.

23 So we didn't really -- you know, we
24 just didn't talk about work as much. We talked
25 about it a little, but not as much, because it

1 was such a stressful job. And so the idea was
2 to come home, and let's talk about family
3 issues.

4 Q. Now, following the termination of her
5 employment at Capmark, was she able to leave the
6 stress at work and enjoy the time at home in the
7 same way?

8 A. No, she was not. The stress -- that's when
9 the stress level built up. It was all very
10 stressful for the last two years, I believe it
11 is, or whatever it is, whatever the termination
12 date was.

13 It's just been stressful. That's why
14 she's losing her hair. It's not due to any
15 medication she's taking. It's what the doctor
16 indicated to her. It's just due to stress. So
17 the stress level is up throughout the house.

18 Q. And I just want to be clear -- and I believe
19 this will be my final question.

20 You described the change that has
21 occurred, the changes that occurred in your wife
22 from the termination from Capmark.

23 I want to know how long those changes
24 that you described have lasted?

25 A. Well, it's still going. It's still ongoing.

1 It has not ceased. They are still issues that
2 we have. It just hasn't ceased. She still goes
3 to her room, her little office, and so it's
4 still an ongoing problem. It just hasn't
5 stopped.

6 MR. GOLDSHAW: Thank you very much.

7 MR. BANKS: I don't have any questions
8 of Mr. Speight. Thank you very much, Your
9 Honor.

10 THE COURT: Very well. You may step
11 down now, sir, and watch your step.

12 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.)

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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